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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016 APPROVED _____

I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2016 in the Town Hall. Chairman O'Brien introduced the members of the Board.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Ken Traum, Sue B. Strickford, Steve Lux, Jr. and Bob Gerseny.

Staff Present: Director of Public Works Dan Blanchette, Town Administrator Neal Cass,

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda, on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Lux.

PENACOOK ROAD PROJECT QUOTES

The following quotes for the work on Penacook Road have been received.

Weaver Brothers Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 533,863.19
Merrill Construction Inc.	\$ 568,509.55
Jeremy Hiltz Excavating Inc.	\$ 584,057.50

Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lux to accept the Weaver Brothers Construction Co., Inc. quote of and award the project to them. Chair O'Brien called for a vote.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Strickford, Lux and Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. O'Brien suggested the Board discuss their general "take-aways" from the meetings with the Fire Department this past week and then go into nonpublic session to discuss contract negotiations and issues that have to do with reputation. The Board concurred.

Items from the two meetings are as follows:

- 25 attended Wednesday and 14 on Saturday
- It was a positive discussion
- There is a need to enforce the chain of command
- Need a strong communicator
- Should look at way to increase revenue – medical calls make up 80% of all calls
- There is support in general for an interim leader
- Select Board member Lux was brought up as a concern in his dual role as firefighter and Select Board member and how this causes issues in the chain of command.
- Recruitment needs to be improved
- There is concern about the budget if the Board proceeds with MRI
- Recommended a group to look for a permanent chief.
- Anyone in charge should be aware of the Fair.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (c) Reputation

Mr. Traum moved to go into a non-public session regarding an issue which could affect the reputation of someone other than the Board, under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Mr. Gerseny seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Strickford, Lux, Gerseny, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

The Board went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 5:53 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:20 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Gerseny moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Strickford, Lux, Gerseny, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5–0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Lux, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal A. Cass
Town Administrator